

Notes from NAC Quarterly Leadership Meeting – 2/7/2013

Attendees:

- **NAC Members:** 23 (all 11 NACs represented)
- **Staff:** 5 (Jason Wachs, Lani Parr, Miles Glowacki, and Franziska Edwards from the Neighborhood Program. Daniel Vázquez, Cultural Inclusion Coordinator.)
- **Guest Speaker:** Dan Schauer, Coordinator for Washington County's Citizen Participation Organizations (CPO).

Presentations:

1. Dan Schauer, CPO Overview

General Information:

- Washington County & Oregon State University Extension Service work together for CPO services
- 17 total CPOs in Washington County, 11 currently active
- CPOs serve multiple jurisdictions/interact with cities, like neighborhood associations, but for counties
- Currently engaging in process to develop mission statement & strategic process
- Trying to identify issues that various groups might want to join forces on

Purpose for Presentation:

- Want to share who to get involved with depending on the geography of the issue (who at the county level, which CPO, Washington County CCI, etc.)
- Looking to collaborate with NACs with regard to:
 - Training (leadership training, effective meetings training, etc.)
 - New communication technologies such as video broadcasting, Google Hangouts, social media, etc.
 - Hold cross-collaborative trainings where everyone can connect and talk about what works (best practices)
 - Share about candidate updates/events during election season

2. NAC Survey Update

- * West Slope asked if they need TVF&R/police report at every meeting?

Suggestions:

- Educate NACs on services TVF&R/police can provide
 - Have police/TVF&R representatives come to NAC quarterly leadership meetings to be guest speakers and discuss questions/concerns
- Give topics of interest to fire and police representatives before NAC meetings to present on to facilitate engaged discussion

3. NAC Update Roundtable

Central Beaverton

- Schiffler Park newly updated (\$3M investment by THPRD)
- Planning Theater in the Park again this summer
- Last December had presentation from developer for Alzheimer's facility—would provide 24 full-time staff positions
- Fred Meyer wants to put in a fuel station at NE corner of lot (currently vacant)
- Central Beaverton NAC talking about participating in a summer reading program with William Walker Elementary School, looking to get them books, including textbooks
- Beaverton Farmer's Market is hosting Winter Market
- New historical plaques around downtown Beaverton
- Realizing a lot of apartment dwellers are not being represented at their NAC meetings; looking to solicit more participation from renters

Denney Whitford/Raleigh West

- NAC doing well, no controversy

Five Oaks Triple Creek

- In fifth year of Autumn Ridge Park restoration project. Hold monthly work parties to remove invasives and plant native trees and plants. NAC has partnered with SOLVE, Boy Scouts, local schools, and THPRD to remove invasive species over the past five years.
- THPRD is now operating a mid-block crossing on Walker Rd. at Waterhouse Trail
- NAC started local business spotlight to invite local area businesses to talk about themselves and distribute flyers, other info
- Homeplate Youth Services has put in a walk-in center at Merlo—NAC is exploring the possibility of serving a meal to the youth one evening and perhaps making it a regular event

Greenway

- Last meeting was in November
- Reelected board members from previous year
- Getting a new mid-block crossing for Fanno Creek trail
- Will likely be doing Greenway Park concert in partnership with THPRD again this year

Highland

- Re-elected their officers at recent elections
- Have a high school student representative in their NAC
- Invited West Beaverton to recent NAC meeting to talk about Pages as Pillars program, West Beaverton wanted to know more about Highland's scholarship program (based on total volunteer hours & GPA—will be continuing scholarships again this year)

- Tammy discussed having run into other NAC members at various city events, discussed mingling with other NACs, cross-collaboration, more than willing to share programs

Neighbors SW

- Attendance is low, but hopefully growing after successful Meet & Greet event on January 16
- New BCCI Rep, Paul Cohen from Meet & Greet event
- New South Cooper Mtn annexation & Progress Ridge development will become hot topics in the near future
- Thinking about having a business spotlight at meetings

Sexton Mountain

- Will be getting a Walmart Neighborhood Market at old Haggen location
- Question from Paul Cohen—there was better attendance when NSW & SM met together. Can we do that again?

South Beaverton

- Board now created—Aaron Bogle (Recorder), Suzanne Dawson (Chair), Allen Dawson (Treasurer), Melissa Oviedo (BCCI Representative)
- Neighborhood is currently in the process of developing a few new subdivisions and the NAC has hosted Neighborhood Review meetings. These meetings have been well attended due to neighbors interests and concerns about the developments.
- Thinking about different community projects/activities—a book drive for Hiteon Elementary School; Garden of the Month (Lani Parr mentioned doing a press release & an ad in the Your City if they wanted); a Meet & Greet in the summer; a neighborhood clean-up; potential speakers to present at the meeting

Vose

- Nothing official; Henry Kane is new chair

West Beaverton

- THPRD working on Powerline trail (Mt. Williams Trail)
- Aloha Community Library opened up last fall, want to join Washington County Cooperative but need more hours, check outs, etc. Encourage all to visit, use services, open up a library card.
- Pages as Pillars program had a reading specialist come with them for the first time when going to purchase books, which was very helpful in determining the most age appropriate books.
- Trying to organize an evening to serve dinner at Homeplate Youth Services

West Slope

- Pursuing ongoing discussions with THPRD to have purchased plot become park. Having some snags; had money to purchase the land, no money to develop the park currently. Looking at creating community gardens with matching grant funds. Wanting to solicit help from Home Depot and put in raised beds.
- Have a recently vacated fire station in their NAC, looking for input on what to do with the building (Could it be a community center?). In addition, the NAC also has a vacant building that used to be a grocery store, which is near the old fire station.
- Co-chair Sid Snyder has resigned—he's moving to Bend, OR
- Discussed NW Examiner paper Activist Community Calendar—looking to collaborate with other local neighborhoods
 - *Question from audience: could we get NAC calendar in Beaverton Resource Guide?
- Discussed Columbia Recycling PDX—company that buys items you'd normally donate and credits the funds to a non-profit of your choice (fundraiser for NACs?)